

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Guidelines

Recommendations for January 1, 2025

Selection Committee Structure

The Montana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Committee will be comprised of representatives of the Montana Quarter Horse Association.

1. Each association will select four (4) current members in good standing from Montana Quarter Horse Association.
2. Montana Quarter Horse Association will include 1 MQHA Past President.
3. The Chairperson(s) will vote only in the event of a tie.
4. The Association will provide two current (non-voting) members to count and tally the ballots.
5. In the event of additional members, the current Montana Quarter Association Board of Directors will fill vacancies.

Inductees

The Montana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Committee will annually review the nomination(s) submitted. The maximum number of annual inductees will be four (4). The Committee at their discretion may determine more or less inductees if the submissions warrant that determination.

1. A total of three (3) people;
2. A total of three (3) horses;
3. A total of one (1) ranch or business
4. Joyce McDonald Montana Spirit Award, one (1) person

Nomination Criteria for Induction

Person/Ranch/Business

1. Nominees for the Montana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame must have been outstanding over a period of years either as a breeder, competitor or contributor with the American Quarter Horse in the State of Montana
2. Ideally, the nominee(s) should be a member of AQHA if his or her activities were during the existence of AQHA, but not required.
3. Ideally the nominee should have been a member of Montana Quarter Horse Association if his or her activities were during the existence of either association
4. Nominee may be either living or deceased.

Horse

1. Nominees for the Montana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame must have been outstanding for a period of years as a sire, dam, and competitor and/or must have brought exceptional visibility to the American Quarter Horse in the State of Montana.
2. Nominees must be or have been registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.
3. Nominees must be living or deceased.
1. HOF Recognition will go to last horse's owner of record. If the owner(s) is deceased, last lessee of record or the breeder would be considered to receive award.

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Joyce McDonald Montana Sprit Award

1. Nominee must be a resident of Montana who exemplifies the Spirit of Montana Western Heritage and whose character and reputation are beyond reproach.
2. Nominees should have demonstrated the ability to inspire by example and lead by dedication and commitment.
3. Individuals must have an acknowledged love of horses, which has manifest itself by his or her involvement in equine activities.
4. Nominee may be either living or deceased.

Nomination(s)

1. Nominees will automatically remain on the agenda for further consideration for a total of three (3) consecutive years, if not selected upon initial nomination.
 - a. It is not necessary to re-nominate during that period; however, it is suggested that updated information be provided (such as updated contact information, additional awards, etc).
 - b. After a total of three (3) years, the nominee must be resubmitted for consideration or will be accepted annually.
2. Nominators should be aware that any submission of information is done so with the full understanding that MQHA HOF may use, edit and reproduce any information provided without consideration.
3. By submission of these materials, nominator and nominee release all rights for distribution of the information provided within to media and the general public.
4. All materials submitted will be considered permanent donations of the MQHA Hall of Fame unless otherwise specified

Committee Protocol

1. Examine applications for those individuals and horses nominated to the Montana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, reviewing in depth all records, recommendations and reference materials supplied on each.
2. Review the rules related to Hall of Fame nomination and selection criteria and if necessary, make recommendations for amendment of such rules.
3. Vote, without political or personal bias, for individuals and horses who have made outstanding contributions to the Montana Quarter Horse industry.
4. Keep confidential all deliberations, comments and voting outcome resulting from the selection process.

Voting Protocol

1. Committee members will vote for inductees.
2. Two thirds of the total number of votes is required for induction

Hall of Fame Steering Committee

1. *The Montana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Steering Committee will be comprised of representatives of the Montana Quarter Horse Association.*
2. *The Steering Committees responsibilities include but are not limited to:*
 - a. *Review nomination forms and criteria and recommend any updates*
 - b. *Obtain nominations and forward to Selection Committee*
 - c. *Maintain previous nomination information*
 - d. *Facilitate Selection Committee meeting*
 - e. *Notify nominee or their appropriate representative of the nomination*
 - f. *Contact nominee(s) for photos and bio information for night of induction and MQHA website*
 - g. *Prepare nominee information for presentation during induction ceremony*
 - h. *Write news release and distribute*